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FROM COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET.

REAS TOWN CAMP 21st. Aug. 1758

DEAR SIR

I Send you 20 Pack horses for the use of your Scouting Partys, wth. Pork. Your Convoy will I hope arrive Soon, and restore Plenty in your Empty Stores. If the Cherokees Acct. could be depended upon, The French must have a Camp concealed near the Fort, as they have certainly received a Reinforcemt. I Expect Some Intelligees. from the Several Partys actually out.

I had last night a Letter from the General, who is, thank God, better than he has been for Six Weeks. Nothing will prevent his journey, but his extreme Weakness; he proposes to Set out to morrow from Shippensburg.

I went Saturday to the Top of the Allegheny Hill where I had the Satisfaction to See a very good Road. 20 loaded Waggons went up without dobbling their Teams: and proceeded as far as Edmunds Swamp: To morrow the Road will be cut 30 miles beyond Kickony Pawlins, Remains 13 to Loyal Hannon:

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The 23d. Inst. 1500 men are ordered to take Post there, and as I remain here wth. about 800 men, I beg you will Send me the Marylanders, and Pensilvaniens, who might be wth. you:

Our affairs to the Northward are in a bad situation, There is a flying Raport of Louisburg being in our hands but I doubt of it.

Mr. Hoops who goes to Cumberland, will give directions for the number of Bullocs wanted from Virga.

I amYour most obedt, hble Dr. Sr.Servt, HENRY BOUQUET

Be So good as to Send me for the Genl. an Exact Return by Companys of every man, under your Comand. My Compl: to Colo. Byrd, I received last night the inclosed.